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Date of transcription 07/01/2009

[redacted] date of birth [redacted] home residence, [redacted] Georgia, was interviewed via her home telephone number [redacted]. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

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[redacted] stated that MELVIN HESTER [redacted] but was dead. According to [redacted] HESTER was "an old man" when she was just a little girl. [redacted] stated that HESTER did have [redacted] who's full name could have been [redacted] but she was not certain.

As far as [redacted] knew, [redacted] is still alive and living with [redacted] Last Name Unknown (LNU) outside the state of Georgia. According to [redacted] LNU is married and has taken her husband's last name. This is not [redacted] LNU's first husband however, and while living in Georgia [redacted] LNU was married to First Name Unknown (FNU) [redacted]

Investigation on 6/30/2009 at Atlanta, Georgia (telephonically)

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by SA [redacted]

U: [redacted]

302 [redacted]

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 06/30/2009

[redacted] female, date of birth [redacted]  
 [redacted] cellular telephone number of [redacted] employed at the [redacted]  
 [redacted] work telephone [redacted]  
 number of [redacted] extension [redacted] was interviewed at her  
 residence, [redacted] After being  
 advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the nature  
 of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

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In approximately late March or early April 2009, [redacted]  
 received a telephone call on her cell phone from an individual (UI)  
 known to her, but who did not want his identity revealed to law  
 enforcement, regarding the Moore's Ford murders. UI called [redacted]  
 after reading an article in the local newspaper about the murders.  
 UI told [redacted] that he knew who was responsible for the murders  
 and that it was time he came forward. UI told [redacted] that in 1946  
 he was [redacted] years old and was living in [redacted] Georgia.  
 One afternoon, in July 1946, UI went to see a [redacted] with  
 his father. UI remembered arriving at that [redacted]  
 which UI recognized as [redacted] home, First Name  
 Unknown (FNU) [redacted] UI's father and FNU [redacted] immediately  
 started talking and at some point in the conversation FNU [redacted]  
 stated to UI's [redacted] killed some  
 niggers at the bridge" yesterday. UI stated that [redacted] and  
 [redacted] talked for several more minutes about the murders  
 while [redacted] After finishing  
 [redacted] in UI's [redacted]  
 [redacted] UI and [redacted] drove away. [redacted] UI's [redacted]  
 told UI to forget everything he heard concerning the murders.

According to [redacted] UI remembered the incident in great  
 detail, describing how FNU [redacted] was dressed in overalls and  
 shirt, and that FNU [redacted] had a [redacted]  
 [redacted] stated that UI went into more detail about the [redacted] and  
 FNU [redacted] but [redacted] could not recall those details as  
 she did not take notes during her conversation with UI.

[redacted] stated that UI's [redacted] is dead and that UI is  
 still hesitant to speak with law enforcement about the 1946  
 murders. [redacted] does know the identity of UI but was not willing  
 to divulge it to the interviewing agents without UI's permission.

Investigation on 6/11/2009 at [redacted]File # 44A-AT-87390 -123

Date dictated \_\_\_\_\_

by SA [redacted]

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\_\_\_\_\_ agreed to speak with UI again and convince him to come forward to the FBI and make a statement.

\_\_\_\_\_ believes that UI tried to speak with ATHENS CLARKE COUNTY POLICE approximately five to ten years ago, but that he was turned away when police told him the case was too old.

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**Precedence:** ROUTINE

**Date:** 07/14/2009

**To:** Criminal Investigative

**Attn:** Civil Rights Section

UC [REDACTED]

SSA [REDACTED]

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**From:** Atlanta

Squad DT-1

**Contact:** SA [REDACTED]

**Approved By:** [REDACTED]

**Drafted By:** [REDACTED]

jph [Signature]

**Case ID #:** 44A-AT-87390 ✓ (Pending) - 124

**Title:** Moore's Ford Murders;  
Robert K. Palmer:  
Randall Whitehead

**Synopsis:** To provide investigative update to CID regarding captioned case.

**Details:** Atlanta received information from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation indicating that an individual wanted to come forward and name the persons responsible for the Moore's Ford murders. Subsequent investigation by Atlanta determined that

[REDACTED] (Georgia), received a phone call from an unidentified individual (UI) known to her, but who did not want his identity revealed to law enforcement, that wished to provide information regarding the Moore's Ford murders. Specifically, UI called [REDACTED] in approximately late March or early April 2009 after reading an article in a local Georgia newspaper about the murders. UI told [REDACTED] that he knew who was responsible for the murders and that it was time he came forward. UI told [REDACTED] that in 1946 he was [REDACTED] and was living in [REDACTED] Georgia. One afternoon, in July 1946, UI went to see [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] UI remembered arriving at that [REDACTED] which UI recognized as [REDACTED] First Name Unknown (FNU) [REDACTED] UI's [REDACTED] and FNU [REDACTED] immediately started

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talking and at some point in the conversation FNU [redacted] stated to UI's [redacted] killed some niggers at the bridge" yesterday. UI stated that [redacted] and FNU [redacted] talked for several more minutes about the murders while [redacted] After finishing [redacted] in UI's [redacted] UI and [redacted] drove away. [redacted] UI's [redacted] told UI to forget everything he heard concerning the murders.

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To date, [redacted] is still reluctant to give the name of UI to law enforcement because she has yet to gain permission from UI to do so. [redacted] informed the interviewing agents that UI is in his [redacted] and still living in the [redacted] Georgia area. UI's [redacted] is deceased. Atlanta has stressed to [redacted] the importance of the information UI could provide and [redacted] is currently working with Atlanta to gain the trust of UI in order for him to come forward and give a statement.

It should be noted that a review of the 1946 investigation determined that two of Loy Harrison's brothers, Earnest Harrison and Rex Harrison, were interviewed in 1946. Loy, Earnest, and Rex Harrison are all deceased, however, all had strong ties to two of the suspects who are still alive, Randall Whitehead and [redacted]

In addition, Atlanta has reviewed the limited information available from the 1946 FBI file regarding the Federal Grand Jury convened in December 1946. Of the witnesses listed in the file that were expected to testify, a majority have been determined to be dead, however, [redacted] was found to be alive and living in [redacted] According to the 1946 file (44-HQ-1421, section 23, serials 382-432), in a memo dated November 29, 1946, agents anticipated calling [redacted] (age [redacted] in 1946) before the Grand Jury [redacted]

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[redacted] Current Atlanta investigation determined that [redacted] and [redacted] are the same person.

On July 7 and 8, 2009, Atlanta interviewed [redacted] in [redacted] During the interview [redacted] stated that although he was subpoenaed to testify before the Grand Jury in 1946, he never did. The most significant information gathered from the interview was that [redacted] was fairly certain that [redacted]

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[redacted] the  
day of the murders, July 25, 1946. This statement effectively  
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established in 1946.

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Using the above information coupled with other witness and subject statements, both from the current and the 1946 investigation, a growing list of suspects have now been placed in Monroe on July 25, 1946 at or about the same time as Loy Harrison was bonding Roger Malcom out of jail, and shortly before the murders occurred. This information will be further detailed in a future communication.

Atlanta is continuing its investigative effort on this matter and within the next 30 to 45 days will conduct the following investigation:

1. Interview the remaining family members of Clarence Hester and Jack Turnell Malcom who were alive in 1946 to determine if they can provide any further information regarding Hester and Malcom's activity on the day of the murders.
2. Determine the identity of UI and obtain a detailed statement from him.
3. Once item 1 and 2 have been completed, Atlanta will re-interview two of the suspects who are still alive, and who are most significant to the current investigation, Randall Whitehead and [redacted]

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It should be noted that Atlanta has delayed the interviews of subjects Whitehead and [redacted] until all other investigation is complete. Both subjects have been interviewed at least once during the modern era investigation (1999 to present), which produced no useful information. For that reason, Atlanta believes that all leads should be exhausted prior to the interview, especially if UI is willing to give a statement.

As Atlanta continues to investigate this matter updates will be provided to FBIHQ Civil Rights Section.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]  
[redacted] in Winterville, Georgia, on July 23, 2009:

At the request of [redacted] female, date  
of birth [redacted] cellular telephone number of [redacted]  
[redacted] employed at the [redacted]  
[redacted] work telephone number of [redacted] extension [redacted] a  
copy of a DVD containing a re-enactment of the Moore's Ford  
murders was delivered to her residence, [redacted]  
[redacted] is going to take the DVD and show  
it to an individual, further described in [redacted] June 11, 2009  
FBI interview, in efforts to get the individual motivated to come  
forward and give a statement about the murders.

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 07/17/2009

To: Atlanta

From: Atlanta

Squad C6

Contact: SA [REDACTED]

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Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

mjr [REDACTED]

Case ID #: 44A-AT-87390 (Pending) - 126

Title: MOORE'S FORD MURDERS;  
ROBERT K. PALMER,  
RANDALL WHITEHEAD;  
RACIAL DISCRIMINATION - FORCE AND/OR VIOLENCE

Synopsis: To request SA [REDACTED] be removed from case due to his transfer to the Memphis FBI field division.

Details: On 07/19/2009, SA [REDACTED] will officially transfer to the Memphis FBI field division. Therefore, it is requested that he be removed as a co-case Agent on the above captioned case and all its sub-files.

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SA [REDACTED] case agent  
SSA [REDACTED] co-case

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Date of transcription 07/09/2009

[redacted] date of birth (DOB) [redacted]  
home telephone number [redacted] was interviewed at his home  
residence, [redacted] After  
being advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the  
nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

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[redacted] is the [redacted] (DOB [redacted]  
[redacted] date of death (DOD) [redacted] and [redacted]  
(DOB [redacted] DOD [redacted]  
[redacted] (DOB [redacted]  
[redacted] (DOB [redacted] (DOB [redacted]  
[redacted] (DOB [redacted]  
[redacted] who was married to [redacted] and  
[redacted] who was married to [redacted] are dead.  
[redacted] who married [redacted] (deceased), and [redacted]  
[redacted] who married [redacted] (deceased), are still  
alive and living in the [redacted] area.

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[redacted] married [redacted] who was from [redacted]  
[redacted] years old. They  
[redacted] date of birth [redacted]

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Investigation on 7/7/2009 at [redacted]

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by SA [redacted]  
SSA [redacted]

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Date of transcription 07/10/2009

[redacted] date of birth [redacted] home  
telephone number [redacted] was interviewed at his home  
residence, [redacted] After  
being advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the  
nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

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by SA [redacted]  
SSA [redacted]b6  
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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] knew the name HAROLD BONE, but did not know BONE personally. [REDACTED] knew that BONE lived in Monroe in 1946.

[REDACTED] knew MAYBELL FOLSTON. HESTER stated that FOLSTON was in her 60's in 1946 and was a "good nigger woman" [REDACTED] [REDACTED] could not remember where FOLSTON lived, but knew she was always around working in the Hestertown community.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] did not know [REDACTED]

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**Precedence:** ROUTINE

**Date:** 09/22/2009

**To:** Criminal Investigative

**Attn:** Civil Rights Section

UC [REDACTED]

SSA [REDACTED]

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**From:** Atlanta

Squad DT-1

**Contact:** SA [REDACTED]

**Approved By:** [REDACTED]

**Drafted By:** [REDACTED]

jph

**Case ID #:** 44A-AT-87390 (Pending) ✓

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**Title:** Moore's Ford Murders;  
Robert K. Palmer;  
Randall Whitehead

**Synopsis:** To report results of a meeting with [REDACTED] Chief Medical Examiner for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI).

**Details:** On September 18, 2009, SSA [REDACTED] writer, and GBI Special Agent [REDACTED] met with GBI Chief Medical Examiner [REDACTED] to discuss the possibility of physical evidence remaining with the bodies of the four murder victims in the Moore's Ford investigation, and the chances of recovering the evidence if the bodies could be exhumed.

[REDACTED] was able to offer his opinion based on the assumption that the bodies were properly embalmed, according to 1946 standards, that each body was placed in a wood casket, and that the caskets were buried directly in soil and not placed in concrete vaults underground (which would be unusual for 1946). Given those factors, [REDACTED] concluded that approximately 5-7 years after burial (1951-1953) all flesh would most likely have decomposed and only skeletal remains would be present inside the casket. After approximately 10-15 years (1956-1961) the skeletal remains would begin decomposing. [REDACTED] estimated that 15 years after burial (1961) would be the last opportunity to

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conduct a thorough forensic examination of the body, which could determine injuries to the bodies, and recover any potential evidence present on the bodies. At the present time, 63 years after burial, [ ] concluded that very little would remain in the ground at the grave site of each victim. [ ] stated that most likely a majority of the casket would be completely decomposed, and all but teeth and small bone fragments would remain from each body.

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It should be noted that the above scenario is the "best" case scenario for the victims' burial and decomposition rate. Had the victims not been properly embalmed or placed in caskets for burial, [ ] concluded that the rate of decomposition would have occurred more rapidly and less would remain at the grave site today.

In addition, had any bullets or projectiles not been recovered from the bodies by investigators in 1946 and remained with the bodies for burial, [ ] concluded that those too would have undergone a decomposition process. [ ] further concluded that if those bullets and projectiles could be located at the grave site, that they would be so badly decomposed that they would not possess any identifiable characteristics to match with a potential firearm.

Based on the above information, [ ] concluded that nothing of evidentiary value would be gained by exhuming the bodies of the victims.

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Date of transcription 10/02/2009

On October 1, 2009, [REDACTED] ATLANTA POLICE  
DEPARTMENT (assigned to the FBI-Atlanta JTTF), telephone number  
[REDACTED] provided the following information:

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1. ATLANTA POLICE DEPARTMENT (APD) "Offense Report",  
dated November 19, 1952, regarding the murder of  
JAMES B. VERNER.

A copy of the APD report has been included with this file  
in an FD-340 (1A).

Investigation on 10/1/2009 at Atlanta, Georgia (via facsimile)

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Date dictated \_\_\_\_\_

by SA [REDACTED] *[Signature]*

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Date of transcription 10/02/2009

In an attempt to locate newspaper articles about the murder of JAMES BRADLEY VERNER, records of the WALTON TRIBUNE were reviewed at the Walton County Library, Monroe, Georgia. One article, titled "Verner Funeral Occurs Friday", dated November 26, 1952, was located. A copy of this article was made part of this file in an FD-340 (1A).

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by SA  

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 09/15/2009

[redacted] date of birth [redacted] home  
telephone number [redacted] was interviewed at his residence,  
[redacted] Georgia. After being advised of  
the identities of the interviewing agents and the nature of the  
interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

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[redacted] (date  
of birth (DOB) [redacted] date of death (DOD) [redacted]  
and [redacted]  
[redacted]  
and [redacted]  
[redacted] (deceased) and [redacted]  
(deceased) [redacted]  
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[redacted] does not have any firsthand knowledge of the  
murders that took place on July 25, 1946 at the Moore's Ford Bridge  
in Walton County, Georgia [redacted]

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by SA [redacted]  
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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that a majority of what he has heard regarding the murders at Moore's Ford Bridge has been from television reports. All [REDACTED] would admit to knowing was that two black females and two black males were murdered at the bridge.

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[REDACTED] advised the interviewing agents that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] also showed the interviewing agents [REDACTED]

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It should be noted that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] with the interviewing agents.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 09/16/2009

CHARLES ROBERT HESTER, date of birth June 8, 1925, home telephone number 770-267-5837, was interviewed at his home residence, 2949 Hestertown Road, Monroe, Georgia. After being advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, HESTER provided the following information:

HESTER is the son of GEORGE ROBERT HESTER (deceased) and LUCILLE SORRELLS HESTER (deceased). HESTER had one brother, GERALD HESTER (deceased), and three sisters, MARYNELL HESTER MALCOM (deceased), GENE HESTER QUEEN, and [REDACTED] GENE QUEEN was married to RALPH QUEEN (deceased) and now lives at a nursing home in Social Circle, Georgia. [REDACTED] is married to [REDACTED] and lives in [REDACTED]

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HESTER's father, GEORGE ROBERT HESTER, is BARNETTE HESTER's brother, and was a cotton and corn farmer in 1946. The house HESTER grew up in, and where his father lived in 1946, was located directly across the street from HESTER's current home. HESTER bought his father's home in 1969 and lived there until recently when the home became unliveable and had to be destroyed.

Another of GEORGE HESTER's brothers, WELDON HESTER, is deceased and has no other living family members (wife or children).

HESTER [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
HESTER lives alone at the current time [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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HESTER was in the UNITED STATES ARMY during World War II serving in Europe from December 1944 to August 1946 and was not in the United States when the murders occurred at the Moore's Ford Bridge in Walton County, Georgia on July 25, 1946. HESTER stated that he heard about the murders upon his return to Georgia, but that no one has ever directly talked to him about the specifics of the murders. HESTER claimed to have no direct knowledge of who committed the murders nor did he have any information or thoughts about who could have been involved in the murders.

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by SA [REDACTED]

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HESTER does not remember his father ever owning a pistol or handgun, but does remember that his father had a 12 gauge shotgun. HESTER is not sure what happened to that gun.

HESTER stated that in 1946 it was unusual to go to Monroe, Georgia from the Hestertown area frequently. HESTER stated that when they went to Monroe there was always a purpose behind the trip, such as getting supplies or groceries. HESTER added that his family would usually only go once a week, on Saturdays. HESTER believed to go into Monroe more frequently would have been a waste of money.

HESTER knew LOY HARRISON. HESTER remembered that after he returned home from World War II that he often went rabbit hunting on HARRISON's property. HESTER does not remember he or his family ever buying alcohol(moonshine) from HARRISON.

HESTER does not know [redacted]  
[redacted] or RANDALL WHITEHEAD.

HESTER stated that KENNETH ADCOCK, approximately late 70's or early 80's, is still alive and living on Pannel Road in Monroe, Georgia.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] in Monroe, Georgia, on September 1, 2009:

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RICHARD DARRAN HESTER, a Lieutenant with the WALTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, was contacted at his residence, 2949 Hestertown Road, Monroe, Georgia. HESTER stated that his father is CHARLES ROBERT HESTER.

HESTER advised that HERBERT HESTER's widow, EDNA HESTER, approximately 90 years old, is alive and living with her daughter on Barton Bridge Road in Monroe, Georgia.

HESTER advised that O.N. HESTER [REDACTED]

HESTER also indicated that CLARENCE HESTER's wife, RUBY HESTER, died sometime during the week of August 24, 2009.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 9/17/2009

[redacted] was interviewed at her residence, [redacted] b6  
[redacted] Monroe, Georgia. After being advised of the b7C  
identities of the interviewing agents and the nature of the  
interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

[redacted] confirmed that [redacted]  
(deceased). [redacted] stated that she does not know anything about  
the "Moore's Ford Murders" that took place on July 25, 1946, is  
scared of the FBI, and did not want to talk to the interviewing  
agents.

It should be noted that [redacted] remained inside her  
residence behind a closed screen door when providing the above  
information, and once she stated that she did not want to talk any  
further, closed the main door and had no further contact with the  
agents.

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SA [redacted]

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 10/06/2009

[redacted] date of birth [redacted] telephone number [redacted] was interviewed at her residence, [redacted] Monroe, Georgia. After being advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

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[redacted] EUGENE EVANS [redacted]

[redacted] EVANS died on September 26, 2007. [redacted]

[redacted] stated that within the last five years FBI agents came to interview EVANS [redacted] did not listen to the interview, but EVANS came to her later and acted surprised that the FBI would speak with him. EVANS told [redacted] the agents wanted to discuss the murders that took place at the Moore's Ford Bridge in 1946. EVANS then told [redacted] "we were just swimming" in the river near Moore's Ford Bridge. EVANS went on to tell her that he was swimming with First Name Unknown (FNU) [redacted] clarified that EVANS told her the first name, but she could not remember what it was.

[redacted] could not provide any further information concerning EVANS's knowledge of the murders, nor did [redacted] have any personal knowledge of the murders.

[redacted] stated that EVANS has [redacted] still alive, [redacted] approximately [redacted] years old, who is living at [redacted]

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SA [redacted]



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Date of transcription 9/18/2009

EDNA FRANCIS LEMONDS HESTER, date of birth September 20, 1924, home telephone number 770-267-6295, was interviewed at her residence, [REDACTED] Monroe, Georgia, in the presence of [REDACTED] date of birth [REDACTED]

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After being advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, HESTER provided the following information:

HESTER stated that she met and married HERBERT HESTER a short time after the end of World War II. HESTER stated that HERBERT HESTER tried to go into the UNITED STATES ARMY during World War II, but was disqualified for a medical condition. They remained married until HERBERT HESTER died in approximately 1995. They did not have children.

Until recently HESTER was living with her sister OSSIE MAY HANSON, but a fire destroyed their home and killed HANSON. Since the fire HESTER has been living with [REDACTED]

HESTER's father was EMORY LEMONDS and her mother was GEORGIA LOU HAWK, both of whom are now deceased.

In 1946 HESTER stated that she and HERBERT were living on Hestertown Road in the Hestertown area of Monroe, Georgia. Their house was situated in between FRANCIS and HESTER KNIGHT's home and ROBERT [REDACTED] KNIGHT's home. HERBERT HESTER worked as a cotton farmer while HESTER worked at CARWOODS MANUFACTURING PLANT as well as helping her husband with the farm.

According to HESTER, after the murders occurred at the Moore's Ford Bridge on July 25, 1946 everyone in the community was talking about it, but no one knew who had done it or who could have witnessed it. HESTER does not know who was involved in the murders nor was she ever told who could have been involved. HESTER stated that the only thing she knew about the murders was that BARNETTE HESTER had told his family not to do anything to the person that stabbed him.

HESTER agreed that someone from the HESTER family was most likely involved in the murder, but she had no idea who that

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by SA [REDACTED]

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might be. HESTER made this assumption based on the fact that the only possible motive for the murders was retaliation for the stabbing of BARNETTE HESTER. HESTER stressed that this was only her opinion.

HESTER does not know LOY HARRISON, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] or RANDALL WHITEHEAD. HESTER also did not know any of the murder victims.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 10/06/2009

[redacted] date of birth [redacted]  
[redacted] was interviewed at her residence, [redacted] Monroe, Georgia. After being advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

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[redacted] EUGENE EVANS and that he died two years ago. [redacted]

[redacted] provided telephone number [redacted]  
[redacted] for [redacted]

[redacted] never mentioned anything to her about the murders that took place at Moore's Ford Bridge in 1946.

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SA [redacted]  
SA [redacted]

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] and SA

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[REDACTED] on September 24, 2009:

In an attempt to find newspaper articles about the Moore's Ford Lynching of 1946, records of the WALTON TRIBUNE newspaper were reviewed at the Walton County Library, Monroe, Georgia. The following articles were found and copied, with the copies being placed in an FD-340 (1A envelope):

1. "B.H. Hester, Jr., Stabbed By Negro Sunday Afternoon", July 19, 1946
2. "Reward For Lynchers Hiked Near \$30,000 By CIO, MU", August 2, 1946
3. "BELIEF HELD THAT OFFICERS ARE NOW ON TRAIL OF MOB WHO LYNCHED NEGROES JULY 25", August 9, 1946
4. "U.S. Jury Ready To Quit Probe Of Walton Deaths", December 19, 1946



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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 10/19/2009

[redacted] female, date of birth [redacted]  
 [redacted] cellular telephone number of [redacted] employed at the  
 [redacted] work telephone  
 number of [redacted] was interviewed at her residence, [redacted]  
 [redacted] After being advised of the  
 identities of the interviewing agents and the nature of the  
 interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

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[redacted] provided the identity of the individual described  
 in her June 11, 2009 FBI interview as being known to her, but who  
 did not want his identity revealed to law enforcement as [redacted]  
 [redacted] was not certain of the spelling of [redacted] last  
 name (possibly [redacted]), but stated that [redacted]  
 [redacted] provided the  
 phone number of [redacted] for [redacted]

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[redacted] estimated that [redacted] was [redacted] years old. [redacted]  
 has been [redacted] for the past [redacted] years and to [redacted]  
 knowledge, [redacted] Prior to [redacted]  
 [redacted] believes that [redacted] a.

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[redacted] indicated that she last spoke with [redacted] on  
 October 17, 2009, and as of that time he still seemed reluctant to  
 speak with the FBI about the murders that took place at Moore's  
 Ford Bridge in 1946.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 10/21/2009

[redacted] (PROTECT IDENTITY), date of birth [redacted]  
[redacted] home telephone number [redacted] was  
interviewed at his residence, [redacted]  
[redacted] After being advised of the identities of the interviewing  
agents, which included Special Agent [redacted] of the GEORGIA  
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, and the nature of the interview, [redacted]  
provided the following information:

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[redacted] (died in [redacted]  
approximately [redacted] and [redacted] (died in [redacted]  
[redacted] who had a [redacted] education, [redacted] and [redacted]  
[redacted]  
lived near [redacted] County.

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In 1946 when [redacted] was approximately [redacted] years old [redacted]

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[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] described [redacted] as a white male, wearing  
[redacted]

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[redacted]

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WHELESS/stated that he has never spoke of this incident to law enforcement and has only told a few of his friends, including  It is noted that  was initially upset and did not want to tell the interviewing agents the above information.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/02/2009

On October 28, 2009, Special Agent (SA) [REDACTED] GEORGIA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (GBI) provided copies of the following State of Georgia Death Certificates:

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1. ROGER MALCOM, date of birth (DOB) March 24, 1922, date of death (DOD) July 25, 1946.
2. DOROTHY MITTIE DORSEY, DOB June 1926, DOD July 25, 1946.
3. WILLIE MAE MURRY DORSEY, DOB September 20, 1922, DOD July 25, 1946.
4. GEORGE DORSEY, DOB November 27, 1917, DOD July 25, 1946.
5. GEORGE MARVIN ADCOCK, DOB May 4, 1907, DOD January 18, 1966.
6. WILLIAM GOLDEN MITCHELL, DOB July 2, 1926, DOD June 25, 1987.
7. LERON FELTON HESTER, DOB March 27, 1893, DOD February 27, 1985.
8. BEE CLEVELAND PEPPERS, DOB August 21, 1884, DOD November 6, 1959.

SA [REDACTED] also provided a copy of a "Petition To Probate Will In Common Form" for JOE LOY HARRISON SR. which shows his DOD as August 16, 1987.

All of the above-described documents have been made part of this file in an FD-340 (1A).

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by SA [REDACTED] 



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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

**Precedence:** ROUTINE

**Date:** 11/17/2009

**To:** Atlanta

**From:** Atlanta

Squad DT-1

**Contact:** SA [REDACTED]

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**Approved By:** [REDACTED] *[Signature]*

**Drafted By:** [REDACTED]

jph *[Signature]*

**Case ID #:** 44A-AT-87390 (Pending) */ - 143*

**Title:** Moore's Ford Murders;  
Robert K. Palmer;  
Randall Whitehead

**Synopsis:** To report results of GBI file review.

**Details:** On October 28, 2009, writer met with GBI Special Agent [REDACTED] at the GBI office in Athens, Georgia in order to review the GBI file in captioned case. After a complete review of the file it was determined that a majority of the GBI file contained copies of reports from the 1946 FBI investigation and investigation done in conjunction with the FBI since 1946. The only information contained within the GBI file that Atlanta did not have record of is as follows:

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1. A GBI report dated July 25, 2006 indicating that Billy Couch, the reported head of the Ku Klux Klan in Monroe (unknown during what time period), claimed that he "didn't want to die with it on his chest".
2. A GBI report indicating that [REDACTED] telephone number [REDACTED] claimed that [REDACTED] was a "key figure in the lynching".

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There was no indication of a follow-up investigation on either of the above matters in the GBI file.

3. A GBI report indicating that Donald E. Garrett, date of birth April 13, 1926,

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admitted to going to the scene of the murders the day after, July 26, 1946. [REDACTED]

Garrett stated that he eventually [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The last time Garrett had contact with [REDACTED] she was living in [REDACTED]

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4. A GBI report indicating that [REDACTED] had reported that [REDACTED] who was married to [REDACTED] told her that [REDACTED] had witnessed the murders. [REDACTED] believed that [REDACTED] had told [REDACTED] more information about the murders, but [REDACTED] refused to talk about it. GBI agents attempted to follow-up on this information, but [REDACTED] refused to talk with the agents.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

**Precedence:** ROUTINE

**Date:** 11/13/2009

**To:** Atlanta

**From:** Atlanta

Squad DT-1

**Contact:** SA [redacted]

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**Approved By:** [redacted] *[Signature]*

**Drafted By:** [redacted]

jph *[Signature]*

**Case ID #:** 44A-AT-87390 (Pending) ✓ *143*

**Title:** Moore's Ford Murders;  
Robert K. Palmer;  
Randall Whitehead

**Synopsis:** To report results of a file review.

**Details:** A continued review of the 1946 FBI file in captioned case revealed a memo dated January 7, 1953, which indicated that an FBI source [redacted] reported that Bomen Elmer Densmore (spelled "Dinsmore" in the 1946 file) knew the identities of some of the suspects who murdered four individuals at the Moore's Ford Bridge in Walton County, Georgia on July 25, 1946. Specifically, the FBI source indicated that Densmore was to go on trial for the murder of James Bradley Verner, a suspect in the 1946 murders, and that Densmore planned to bring out in the trial that Verner was a part of the 1946 murders and had told Densmore of his involvement in the murders. Additionally, Densmore planned to furnish the names of other persons involved in the 1946 murders, which Verner had allegedly told Densmore.

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Atlanta has identified source [redacted] and determined that [redacted]

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Atlanta investigation has determined that Bomen Elmer Densmore was born on February 11, 1918 and died on June 5, 1967. A criminal history check and a query of the Georgia Department of Corrections did not reveal any criminal conviction for Densmore.

Atlanta obtained a report from Atlanta Police Department (APD) records that indicated Bomen Elmer Dinsmore, age

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36, was arrested for the murder of James B. Verner in 1952. In the "remarks" section of the report is the following handwritten note: "20-20 yrs 1/9/53 Judge Shaw".

[redacted] APD Cold Case Squad, conducted a search of Fulton County Court records and was able to locate an indictment date for Densmore of December 2, 1952. It was further determined that records for the case were filed under clerk number 68869 and 68870, but when those numbers were searched nothing was located by court staff. [redacted] believes that because the case is so old that the records might have been destroyed.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

**Precedence:** ROUTINE

**Date:** 11/23/2009

**To:** Atlanta

**From:** Atlanta

Squad C-6

**Contact:** SA 

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**Approved By:** 



**Drafted By:** 

jph 

**Case ID #:** 44A-AT-87390 (Pending) ✓ - 144

**Title:** Moore's Ford Murders;  
Robert K. Palmer;  
Randall Whitehead

**Synopsis:** To reassign case.

**Details:** At the request of SSA  this case is to be  
reassigned to SA  Squad C-6

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Date of transcription 12/03/2009

[redacted] date of birth [redacted] cell phone number [redacted] was interviewed at her home address, [redacted] After being advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

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[redacted] met EMERSON FARMER in approximately [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] believed that FARMER had a drug and alcohol problem which contributed to [redacted]

[redacted]

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[redacted] FARMER was murdered in approximately 1988-89.

[redacted]

It should be noted that [redacted] indicated that [redacted]

[redacted]

FARMER's murder [redacted]

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[REDACTED] FARMER told [REDACTED] that as a boy he had been present and witnessed several black people being murdered. At first [REDACTED] did not believe FARMER, but quickly realized from his tone and the way he told the story with such detail that FARMER was telling the truth. [REDACTED] indicated that FARMER only told her the story on two occasions, but that each time she noticed a demeanor change in FARMER where she knew he was serious and truthful.

At the time she was told, [REDACTED] stated that FARMER told her very specific details including the names of people who were present and how the actual murders occurred, however, with the passage of time [REDACTED] could not recall the names or details any longer. The only details [REDACTED] recalled was that FARMER was wearing overalls the day of the murders and that he watched the murders occur while hiding in a cotton or corn field. [REDACTED] further recalled that the black victims were shot and/or hung near or under a bridge in Walton County, Georgia near where FARMER grew up. [REDACTED] was sure that FARMER told her who was involved and committed the murders because FARMER knew them, but she could not remember those names and did not want to guess or falsely accuse someone.

Prior to FARMER telling her about the murders, and because she had been raised in the [REDACTED] area, which is located [REDACTED] [REDACTED] had never heard of the Moore's Ford murders and knew nothing about it. Since being told, [REDACTED] has seen news reports and now knows more about the incident.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] identified the following [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

1. GILDA STEVENS - [REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED]
3. [REDACTED] Last Name Unknown (LNU) [REDACTED]
4. Unknown Name [REDACTED]

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Date of transcription 01/08/2010

[redacted] date of birth [redacted]  
home telephone number [redacted] was interviewed at her  
residence, [redacted] After being  
advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the nature  
of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

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[redacted] EMERSON FARMER, in  
[redacted]

[redacted] FARMER was serving prison time for various burglaries and  
thefts. Approximately one year after FARMER was released from  
prison, [redacted]

[redacted]  
described FARMER as a "very mean" man, and recalled one occasion  
where FARMER [redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] understanding that FARMER was physically  
abusive [redacted]  
[redacted] eventually lead to his death. [redacted]

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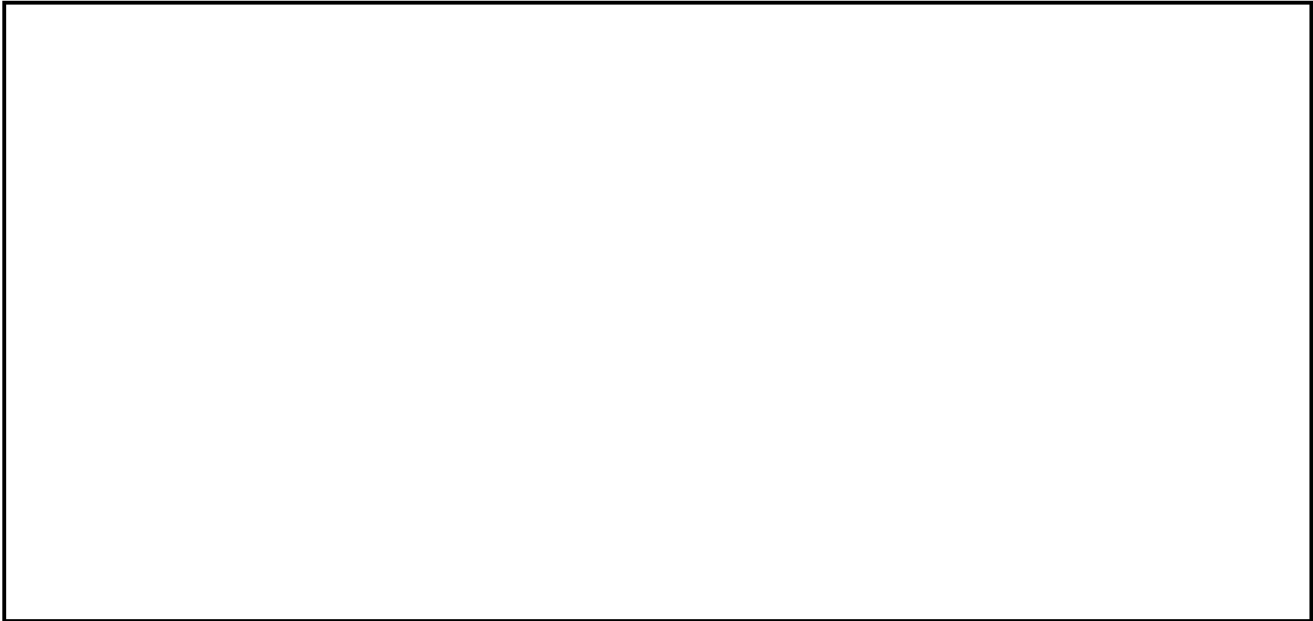
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[REDACTED] does not remember FARMER ever talking about anything associated with the 1946 murders that occurred at the Moore's Ford Bridge in Walton County, Georgia. [REDACTED] believes that if FARMER knew something he would have told someone because FARMER liked to brag.

[REDACTED] was aware that as a child FARMER lived approximately one half mile up the road from the Moore's Ford Bridge on the right hand side (as you traveled away from the bridge towards Walton County) at a home that has since been torn down. There FARMER lived with his father, RIDEN FARMER (deceased), mother, REBA FARMER (deceased), [REDACTED] GUELDA FARMER (deceased), [REDACTED] FARMER's father was a share cropper like most of the people were living in the area at the time. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and has an "impression" that RIDEN FARMER was mean and abusive, but has no fact or memory of an incident to back that statement up. [REDACTED] does not remember seeing any black males or females on the FARMER's property [REDACTED]

Since FARMER's death [REDACTED] has done some research on the Moore's Ford murders, and all of what she knows about the murders is knowledge she has gained from watching television or reading. More specifically, [REDACTED] did some research because [REDACTED] came forward and claimed to have witnessed the 1946

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murders with FARMER. [REDACTED] stated that in all the time she knew FARMER and the FARMER family, she never heard of [REDACTED] and therefore does not believe [REDACTED] claim of witnessing the murders.

[REDACTED] identified [REDACTED] approximately [REDACTED] years old, living near [REDACTED] on the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FARMER had prior to FARMER's death. [REDACTED] believes that [REDACTED] is still alive and living in the same area.

[REDACTED] does not know RANDALL WHITEHEAD, [REDACTED] knows that [REDACTED] but nothing more. [REDACTED] has heard of LOY HARRISON, mostly through her readings about the Moore's Ford murders, but also believes that HARRISON might have owned RIDEN FARMER's farm.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]  
[redacted] in Atlanta, Georgia (telephonically), on January 5,  
2010:

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[redacted] telephone number [redacted] called the  
duty agent on December 30, 2009 and advised that he might have  
information on the Moore's Ford case. On January 5, 2010, SA  
[redacted] contacted [redacted] via telephone. [redacted] stated  
that [redacted] who was interested in the Moore's Ford  
case. [redacted] further explained that [redacted] is  
approximately [redacted] years old and has lived in [redacted] for  
most of his life. [redacted] has  
talked about the bootlegging activities in Monroe, Georgia during  
the 1940's and about LOY HARRISON being involved in bootlegging.  
[redacted] is not sure if [redacted] has information about the murder, but  
plans to talk with him [redacted] about it, and will pass on any  
information gained.

[redacted] has heard in the past, from various relatives,  
that JAMES VERNER might be [redacted] nephew.  
[redacted] is going to attempt to confirm that information.

[redacted] did not have any other information concerning  
the Moore's Ford murders at this time.

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Date of transcription 07/13/2010

On June 30, 2010 [redacted] was contacted at her home residence, [redacted] advised that HIRAM RANDALL WHITEHEAD died in December 2009 and was buried at ROSS CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH Cemetery in Bogart, Georgia.

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SA [redacted] and GBI Agent [redacted] went to ROSS CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH Cemetery, 1180 Snows Mill Road, Bogart, Georgia, and confirmed that HIRAM RANDALL WHITEHEAD, date of birth July 28, 1923, died on December 4, 2009, and was buried at the cemetery.

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by SA [redacted]

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 08/19/2010

[redacted] date of birth [redacted]  
[redacted] social security number [redacted] home telephone number [redacted]  
[redacted] was interviewed at her home address, [redacted]

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[redacted] Also present for the interview  
was GEORGIA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (GBI) Special Agent [redacted]  
[redacted] After being advised of the identities of the interviewing  
agents and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the  
following information:

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[redacted]  
[redacted] Currently, [redacted] approximately [redacted] years  
old, owns most of the [redacted] is  
not related to the [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] "hates black people" and has made  
several racist comments over the years.

CECIL "Pops" MATHIS, approximately 75 years old, [redacted]

Recently, C. MATHIS [redacted]

C. MATHIS's father (deceased), unknown name, was a leader  
of the KU KLUX KLAN (KKK) in Walton County, Georgia (unknown  
dates).

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so much time had passed, [REDACTED] could no longer remember those details.

[REDACTED] never came forward with this information because

[REDACTED] Over the years this information has bothered [REDACTED] but a recent news report about the Moore's Ford incident convinced [REDACTED] that it was time to come forward with the information.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 08/25/2010

On August 19, 2010, [redacted] date of birth [redacted] telephone number [redacted] telephonically contacted the FBI and spoke with SA [redacted] stated that she was upset with the WALTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT (WCSD) and believes that they are responsible for the Moore's Ford murders in 1946. [redacted] stated that she has lived in Walton County, Georgia [redacted] and believes that the WCSD is extremely corrupt.

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Pertaining to the Moore's Ford murders, [redacted] has heard from people (unknown names) that WCSD Sheriff [redacted] LNU and WCSD Deputy [redacted] went around the county after the murders occurred in 1946 and told citizens not to speak with the FBI. [redacted] does not believe that any of the people that told her this are still alive today. [redacted] when the murders occurred and had no further information to report.

It should be noted that [redacted] RONNIE DWAYNE MONTGOMERY, was found dead in an apparent suicide at the WCSD jail on August 11, 2010.

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[redacted] date of birth [redacted] was interviewed at his home address, [redacted] Monroe, Georgia. Also present during the interview was GEORGIA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION Special Agent [redacted]. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] was present at the Moore's Ford Bridge in 1946 when four African Americans were killed. [redacted] believed that [redacted] would have been about [redacted] years old in 1946 and estimated that [redacted] was currently [redacted] years old.

In the past, [redacted] told [redacted] that when one of the black females was murdered, a white baby was cut out of her body. The baby was then taken to Atlanta, Georgia and put up for adoption. [redacted]

[redacted] could not recall many more details of [redacted] account of the murders, but does remember [redacted] mentioning the names [redacted]

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[redacted] has been told by people not to speak with law enforcement about Moore's Ford. Specifically, [redacted] told [redacted] never to talk about Moore's Ford. According to [redacted] [redacted] was involved with the murders in 1946. FRANKLIN THORNTON (now deceased), former Sheriff of Walton County, also told [redacted] to keep quiet about Moore's Ford.

[redacted] unknown name, died before [redacted] was born. [redacted] believes both [redacted] were also present at Moore's Ford for the murders.

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On August 12, 2011, a search of public source databases determined that CECIL W. MATHIS, date of birth April 5, 1938, died on June 3, 2011 in Winder, Georgia.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

**Precedence:** ROUTINE

**Date:** 11/17/2011

**To:** Criminal Investigative

**Attn:** Civil Rights Section

**From:** Atlanta

Squad C-2

**Contact:** SA [REDACTED]

**Approved By:** [REDACTED]

**Drafted By:** [REDACTED]

jph *[Signature]*

**Case ID #:** 44A-AT-87390 (Pending)

**Title:** Moore's Ford Murders;  
Robert K. Palmer:  
Randall Whitehead

**Synopsis:** To document reports being provided to DOJ Civil Rights Unit.

**Details:** On 11/17/2011, at the request of DOJ Attorney [REDACTED] all FD-302's and Inserts dated after 2006 in captioned case were sent, via Fed Ex, to [REDACTED] at DOJ Civil Rights Unit for their review.

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Date of transcription 02/22/2012

On February 22, 2012, [redacted] telephone number [redacted] called SA [redacted] to inquire about the Moore's Ford investigation. [redacted]

[redacted] specifically mentioned the name of JAMES BRADLEY VERNER as being one of the shooters. [redacted] does not have first hand knowledge of this information, but has read several books indicating VERNER's involvement.

[redacted] did state that one of VERNER's [redacted] Last Name Unknown (LNU), approximately [redacted] years old, residing in the Monroe, Georgia area, told him that [redacted]

[redacted] agreed to try and arrange a meeting with [redacted] LNU and FBI agents, or provide FBI agents with contact information for [redacted] LNU.

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The following contacts were made on 7-25-2006.

[redacted] and [redacted] on the above date furnished the following information regarding the Moore's Ford incident.

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She also related that nine men were involved in the killings, and eight of them had the same last name, which was Hester. She stated these men were all members of the Union Chapel Community Church and that all are deceased.

These individuals were only going to kill Roger Malcom, but one of the women pulled the mask off of one of the Hesters and recognized him. Hester then ordered all four of them to be killed, and the women began screaming and pleading for their lives.

[redacted]

In addition [redacted] stated that on one occasion he was talking with Billy Couch, w/m, approximately 65 years of age, the long- time head of the KKK in Monroe. Couch made the comment to him that he did not want to die with "it" on his chest. Couch did not say anything further. [redacted]

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Both [redacted] and [redacted] stated that the former mayor of Monroe, Harry Knight, has knowledge of the killings.

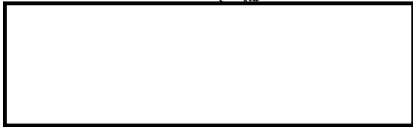
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[redacted] a w/m has telephone numbers [redacted] and [redacted]  
[redacted] resides at [redacted] Monroe, GA with telephone number [redacted]

[redacted] who resides in the Monroe, GA area was [redacted]  
[redacted] on the Monroe Police Dept. This individual may be able to assist in this investigation. Her specific address or phone number is not known.

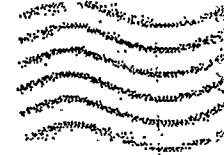
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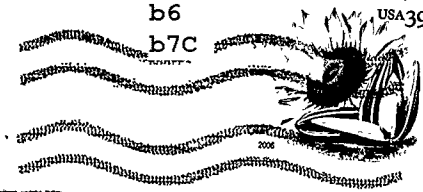


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The following investigation was conducted by SA [ ]  
[ ] in Atlanta, Georgia, on April 22, 2009:

[ ] date of birth [ ] home  
address [ ] Bethalto, Illinois,  
was contacted via telephone number [ ] was  
contacted due to his name and date of birth being similar to  
[ ] a witness who testified before the Moore's  
Ford Grand Jury in 1946. Upon speaking with [ ] to determine  
if he was the same [ ] who testified before the 1946 Grand  
Jury, [ ] stated that was not born in Georgia, nor had he ever  
lived there.

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